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BROOKS UNVEILS SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT, FEDS PUSH DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

Emergency Responders from City, County Collaborate

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks today unveiled highly specialized equipment obtained by the County through the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and a grant from the Federal Domestic Preparedness Equipment Program. This is the third year the County has received the program grant in the form of gifted equipment.

"The total value of Monroe County's inventory of equipment is now estimated at \$2,809,750 for the first three years of the five year program," said Brooks. "The specialized equipment will greatly enhance the ability of our community's first responders to safely and successfully detect, stabilize or mitigate weapons of mass destruction."

To date, the inventory consists of three trailer loads of equipment that provide monitoring, detection and decontamination devices and personal protective equipment for first responders in the fire service, law enforcement, and Emergency Medical Service (EMS). The trailers and new equipment enhance the capacity to provide personal safety for responders and it equips them with additional devices to identify products and assess risks to public health and safety.

As with past grants, selection of the equipment acquired is determined in partnership with City of Rochester and County emergency responders. . No local funding match was required from the County and the grant is 100% funded through the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services. The grant amount is equal to the value of equipment gifted to the County by the State.

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The County requested the specific equipment after consultation with representatives from the fire service community, law enforcement, EMS, the Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP), County Public Safety Communications, and the County Health Department. First Responder representatives included local, County, and City jurisdictions, and specialized team interests such as Hazardous Materials Teams and Bomb Squads.

The equipment and inventory control are administered by OEP through the County Fire Bureau within its Hazardous Materials Response program. Dispatch protocol for deployment of this equipment is coordinated with 911.ECD

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